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# **Interview Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Phong H. Nguyen.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Mr. Laurence Letson.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 24 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hsiung (6,481,322) and Ushiwata (US Pub. 2001/0049988).

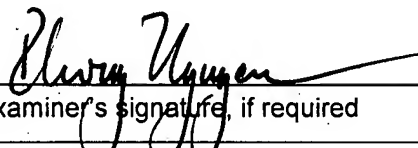
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Letson argued that Hsiung's specification did not teach a beam and a fanned beam. This argument was not persuasive. Light is inherently in form of a beam between the light source 31 and the lens 32 and in form of a fan 41 as shown in Fig. 2.

Including the limitation of the width of the light beam being equal to the width of the kerf may overcome Ushiwata. However, this limitation is not unique.